



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-1081, **Agenda Item #:** 44.

2/6/2020

### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Urban Patchwork Neighborhood Farms, for continued services as part of the Rain Catcher Program, for up to four years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9 C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

### Client Department(s)

Watershed Protection Department.

### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$187,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### Purchasing Language:

Professional Services.

### For More Information:

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### Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide services to continue the Rain Catcher Program, which aims to reduce the impact of impervious surfaces by encouraging residential properties to catch rainwater on their property in cisterns and rain gardens for use on-site or to infiltrate into the ground. Urban Patchwork Neighborhood Farms (Urban Patchwork) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that works with communities around turning underutilized private and public space into areas that reduce the environmental impact of urbanization. Urban Patchwork also has extensive green stormwater infrastructure knowledge and experience.

The purpose of this contract is to reduce the environmental impact of urbanization by utilizing Urban Patchwork's knowledge and expertise to continue with the implementation of a robust program that can change urban hydrology and have a positive impact on flood, erosion, and water quality. The residential focused program aims to motivate community members to install rain gardens and cisterns on their properties.

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The program leverages existing City rebates and grants, includes an additional \$1 per gallon incentive from the Watershed Protection Department, reduces the paperwork required, and provides the program participant with a site assessment and system design, as well as support throughout the installation process.

Lessons learned from this program will be used in decisions about a possible city wide green stormwater infrastructure residential incentive program.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 250,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 250,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 250,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4 yrs.</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.